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Letter to Miss La Verne Woods - August 23, 1940

The Wartime Correspondence of
Harry William Manchester

Harry William Manchester Descendant

REVISION HISTORY

The revision history for this publication and project for this artifact is listed below.

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INTRODUCTION

This document captures and publishes one piece of correspondence (hereafter, “artifact”) from the collection of World War Two correspondence of Harry William Manchester, of Essex County, Ontario, Canada. Harry spent six years in the Canadian Army, in Ontario, England, and as a prisoner of war held in Poland; and during that period wrote extensively to his relatives and friends. The extensive correspondence Harry wrote to his sister, Mrs. Elton Newman of Cottam, Ontario, Canada was preserved by her, and constitutes the bulk of this correspondence collection.

As correspondence, this artifact contains a wide variety of properties, which reflect its content, markings, and references.

The purpose of this document is to capture that content, markings, and properties, so that the artifact may survive in this published form or be transferred to another form, and also to preserve the timeline of historical events in the context of Harry William Manchester. Photographic images of the original parts of the artifact are included in this document, and the reader is encouraged to review those images.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Miss La Verne Woods, of Highland Park, Michigan, was written and posted from Aldershot, England on August 23, 1940.

EDITOR’S COMMENT

The envelope of this letter contains the censor’s label with the text: “P.C. 90 OPENED BY EXAMINER 4924”

ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

The reverse of the envelope is stamped “ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT. C.A.S.F. ORDERLY ROOM FOR MAILING”

CAVEAT EMPTOR

The editor has endeavored to provide the transcription of content below as an accurate depiction of the spelling, misspelling, grammar and prose of the original artifact, so that original practice and then-common usage is reflected in the transcript. This includes replication of any strikeouts or corrections in the original. However, the editor has had to apply an extensive amount of judgement and interpretation of the content of the original artifact. In the event, some marks on the original artifact may or may not be punctuation marks; they may be the result of dirt or smudges in the original.

In addition, many persons and locations are referenced within the content and markings, and the editor has endeavored to research and fully identify those persons and locations, within the properties associated with the artifact. However, the editor is constrained by “best available information” at the time this document is published.

Reader discretion is advised.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Aldershot, Eng.

Aug. 23/40

Dear La Verne:-

Was I ever glad to get your letter the other day. I got a bunch of them all at once. And yours was a little more welcome than either Franc's or Peggy's I think. Of course I guess I hear from them oftener is why. But I'm glad to hear from them too as I can sure read a lot of letters over here.

I have been wondering if you had got my last couple letters. I thought your no was 305 But Franc's last letter said it was 52 Ferris. So I'll be more sure of you getting them now. That's why they took nine days I guess.

It isn't so bad over here if my relatives & friends were here & if tobacco's & razor blades & other necessities wer'nt so high in price. However I expect some cigarettes soon mow from Franc & Elton. They can send a dollar to the Sweet Caporal tobacco co. & they'll forward 300 cigarettes to me. We got balled up on the Eng. Money at first. But we're getting used to it now.

I don't want to buy your cold. We all have nice ones over here, from the change in climate I guess. Tell Peggy your G.F. thanks for the Hello & give it back to her from me.

Also toll Wilfred & Eleanor I wish them the best of luck & I'm glad the rest of the family is fine too. I'd sure like to see them. especially you & Jimmie.

I found me a nice little Eng. Girl about the third day after I arrived only eighteen quite short & small. She is a dear little thing. But still can't come up to Onnellee. the one from Kingsville. I have been seeing her every nite but skipping to-nite cuz' she wants to do some shopping. Ill see her to-morrow nite again.

Well Sis. I'll have to take my prisoners over for supper I guess. I'm on the Military Police now & really have it soft. Ijust started back yesterday after a six day leave Which I spent in London three days & the rest with peggy. Had a grand time. I'd better close for this time

Lovingly Harry

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A-21723 Pte Harry Manchester

1st Batt. Essex Scottish Regt.

C.A.S.F.

C/O Base P.O.

Canada

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ARTIFACT IMAGES

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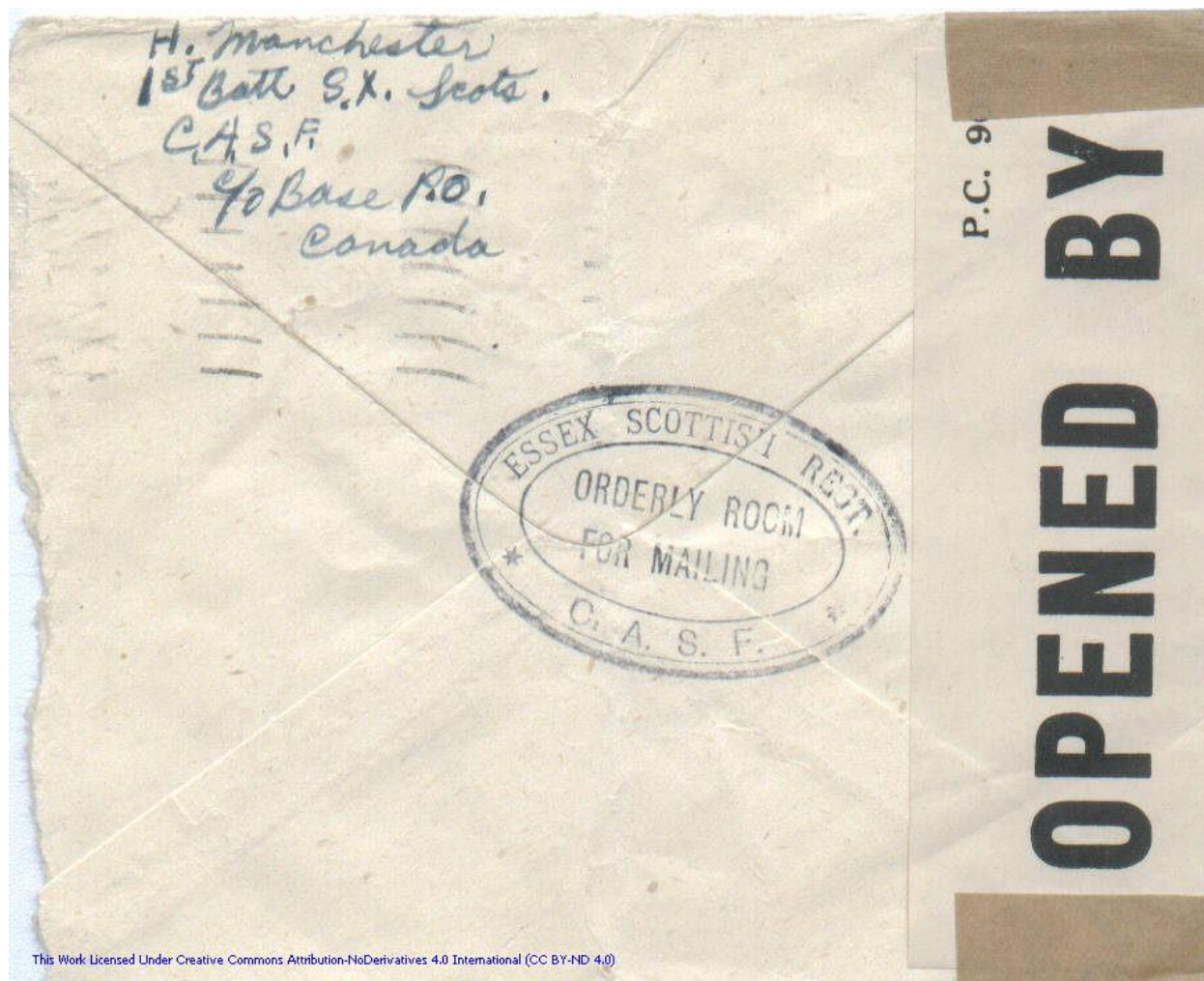
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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

The properties contained within or associated with this artifact are listed below.

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-08-23
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Miss La Verne Woods - August 23, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Miss LaVerne Woods from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	August 23, 1940
6.	General Description/ Commentary	This letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Miss La Verne Woods, of Highland Park, Michigan, was written and posted from Aldershot, England on August 23, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester 1st Batt. S.X. Scots. C.A.S.F. C/O Base P.O. Canada
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	ALDERSHOT 1015 AM 24 AUG 1940 HANTS.
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Miss La Verne Woods, 52 Ferris Ave. Highland Park Michigan U.S.A.
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	None.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	The envelope of this letter contains the censor's label with the text: "P.C. 90 OPENED BY EXAMINER 4924"
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	1940, La Verne Woods, The Essex Scottish Regiment, London, Aldershot, England, Military Leave, Military Police
15.	Content Reference (Tags)	girl friend, sister, prisoners, Military Leave, London, Aldershot, England, United Kingdom, Peggy, Jimmie, Franc, Elton, Wilfred, Eleanor, Onnellee, La Verne Woods, Essex Scottish Regiment, Sweet Caporal Tobacco Co., Barracks, Military Police
16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	girl friend, sister, prisoners
17.	Categories Reference - Events	Military Leave
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	London, Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
19.	Categories Reference - People	Peggy, Jimmie, Franc, Elton, Wilfred, Eleanor, Onnellee, La Verne Woods

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20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	Essex Scottish Regiment, Sweet Caporal Tobacco Co.
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	Barracks
22.	Categories Reference - Other	Military Police
23.	Additional Markings	The reverse of the envelope is stamped "ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT. C.A.S.F. ORDERLY ROOM FOR MAILING"
24.	Associated Artifacts	None.
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